



THURSDAY EVENING, JAN. 7, 1904.

MR. BOURKE COCHRAN made some remarks at the McClellan dinner in New York on Monday night that deserve the earnest attention of all persons who are striving to secure purity in politics. He said:

Republican protection has organized our whole industrial system on the basis of robbing some to benefit others. Men who themselves would be the first to denounce a larceny in an individual, and even to prosecute the agent of a municipality who would accept a small bribe, will not only view with approval schemes devised at Washington for plundering an entire people, but they will elect the authors to high office, and after establishing them in the Senate encourage them to declare themselves candidates for the presidency. This widespread corruption has proved the source of disorders in every branch of government.

The protective system is the great graft, and with that established as the highest achievement of human wisdom, what, asks the Philadelphia Record, is the use of fighting against little grafts? It was a republican Senator, Mr. Hanna, who described as "frying the fat out of the manufacturers" the extraction of campaign funds from them in consideration of legislation to enrich them. The most approved method of preparing a tariff bill now is to invite the various classes of beneficiaries to say how much they will take out of the consumers. The republican party gets its campaign fund from men who contribute for the sake of legislation that will make them richer. In return for their contributions they are allowed to write such portions of the tariff as concern them.

IN REPLY to a published statement that he favored the ratification of the Panama canal treaty, Senator Martin called:

I have been awaiting the information called for by resolutions of inquiry pending in the Senate, and, in the meantime, have authorized no statement of what my position would be. The rights of this country by the treaty are certainly very valuable, but they should not be acquired by unworthy or dishonorable methods, and I desire the fullest possible information before I determine what course should be taken in respect to the treaty in the Senate.

This is the correct attitude for the Senator to take. This country is rich enough and powerful enough to honestly and honorably secure all the rights necessary for the construction of the canal, without lending itself to the rascally methods of schemers and to the disposing of a weak but friendly sister republic of one of her States.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT in the Gazette's telegraphic columns of the death of Ruth, the twelve-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cleveland, will be read with sincere regret over the entire United States. The little girl who has paid the debt of nature at the portals of her teens was the first-born in the Cleveland home and the joy and gladness occasioned by the advent of "Baby Ruth" are well-remembered. The death of the young is peculiarly distressing, as those to whom they are near and dear are painfully aware. The tooth of Time may blunt the keen edge of such afflictions, but their recollections will never be effaced in the family circle from which the little one has been taken.

IT HAS BEEN announced by Naval Officer Gourley, at the New York custom house, that the duties on soft coal, which were taken off for 1903 by Congress, would be imposed on and after the coming January 15. The act of Congress was passed on account of the scarcity of coal caused by the anthracite strike. While soft coal imported would now pay full duty again, anthracite coal, of any quantitative test, is permanently duty free. Congress should now pass an act taking off the duty on all coal and also one which would prevent the coal combinations from raising prices to an exorbitant extent, which they did during the strike and which they have maintained ever since.

MR. OLNEY at the McClellan banquet in New York on Monday night referred to Mr. Cleveland as his ideal candidate for the presidency. Mr. Cleveland has positively stated that he will not be a candidate again, for he knows full well that he could neither be nominated nor elected, but Mr. Olney, as cold and as brusque as he is, cannot be charged with ingratitude, as but for Mr. Cleveland who discovered him he would never have been heard of outside of his home town in Massachusetts.

COURT OF APPEALS.

The Commonwealth vs. Indiana F. William executor. Argued, and submitted.

Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company vs. Cranes Nest Coal and Coke Company, partly argued and continued. Next cases to be heard: Persinger's administratrix vs. Alleghany Ore and Iron Company; Miller vs. Arthur and others; West, by, &c., vs. Richmond Railway and Electric Company, being three and five on the privileged docket and No. 3 on the argument docket respectively.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

Washington, Jan. 7.

Decorators, florists and workmen of many trades have put the White House in shape for the first of the "card receptions"—the Diplomatic—which the President and Mrs. Roosevelt will give tonight. About three thousand invitations have been extended and it is expected that nearly two thousand will attend. In addition to the members of the Diplomatic Corps, in whose special honor the reception will be given, many important personages in official, military and social life will be present. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt will be assisted in the receiving by Miss Alice and all the ladies of the Cabinet. The Marine Band will play during the evening in the marble lobby of the mansion.

The Secretary of State has received through the French Ambassador, the formal tender of a bust of Washington, from the Ladies of France. The offer will be submitted by Secretary Hay to Congress with a recommendation that it be accepted and provision made for a ceremonial installation.

Senator Daniel who is opposed to the ratification of the treaty with Panama for the construction of a canal across the isthmus will make a speech in opposition to the ratification of the treaty when it comes up in the Senate.

A cablegram to the State Department from Minister Allen in Korea says that the Russian marines who were refused transportation on the Japanese controlled railway, have marched overland to Seoul. The ostensible purpose of their visit is to protect Russian lives and property in Seoul alleged to be endangered by the disturbances there.

Minister Powell cables the State Department from San Domingo that the provisional government has established a blockade of all ports save San Domingo City by means of sailing vessels capable of firing solid shots only. Ships sailing from the West Indies are given 30 days in which to clear while those of the United States and European ports may take 45 days. It is believed that the blockade will not be recognized by the United States.

Mr. Rodney, paymaster with the rank of lieutenant-commander on the retired list of the navy, has brought suit in Washington for \$50,000 damages against Captain Samuel C. Lemly, Judge Advocate-General of the navy, for alleged "long continued" "pecuniary and naval grade" losses and indignities.

Former Congressman Eugene L. of California has been appointed by the Postoffice General sole delegate of this government to the International Postal Convention to be held at Rome this spring.

The Senate Committee on Commerce today took favorable action on several bills, the most important of which was that introduced by Senator Frye, requiring that supplies for the army and navy shall be carried in vessels of the United States.

Consideration of the Panama canal treaty was resumed by the Senate committee on foreign relations this morning. The committee is discussing the treaty section by section, and hopes to be able to make a report on it by the end of the week. It is probable that some amendments will be made to the document as it stands. If it should seem necessary to further safeguard the interests of the United States the republicans will not hesitate to offer amendments with that purpose in view.

Fifty-Eighth Congress.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.

When the Morgan resolution, providing in effect that the President had exceeded his powers in declaring war against Colombia, was taken up, shortly after the opening, its author, Mr. Morgan, of Alabama, took the floor. The resolution, he said, consisted of five specific statements and he announced that he proposed to have a record vote upon each. He declared his purpose of ascertaining whether the Senate recognized principles of international law that had obtained since the establishment of government. His remarks were in the nature of an answer to the defence of the administration's Panama policy delivered the other day by Mr. Lodge, and he characterized that Senator's argument as "an adroit confusion of authorities."

He contended that at the time this government recognized the independence of Panama there was not the faintest semblance of a separate government on the isthmus; that our recognition was premature and could be considered as an act of hostility by the Colombian government.

"Whether Colombia so considers it is another matter," he added, "and whether Colombia will be fool enough to attempt war with us is also another matter." Later, he declared that if the United States withdrew its war ships and marines from Isthmian waters, or even confined its operations to the Isthmian Railroad, "Colombia would march her troops into Panama, capture the eight men who organized the government and their followers of negroes, Indians, and Chinamen, and resume her full sovereignty over the territory."

Mr. Morgan declared that the entire course of the President toward Colombia had been an acrimonious, bitter hatred and revenge, and that he had boldly defied the provisions of the Spooner law, that he might get at those people.

HOUSE. In the House Chairman Hemenway of the committee on appropriations reported a bill appropriating \$250,000 to be devoted under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture, to experiments looking to the destruction of the boll weevil cotton plague of the South. The bill weevil appropriation will be considered tomorrow. The House then, at 12:10, adjourned.

THE MCGUIRE STATUE.—A statue of Dr. Hunter Holmes McGuire was unveiled in Richmond this evening in the capital square near the statue of Stonewall Jackson, to whom he was surgeon. The statue represents the noted surgeon sitting in a chair in a characteristic attitude. It is of bronze and was designed by William Cooper, formerly of Norfolk, now of New York. Judge George L. Christian, grand commander of the veterans of the State, presented the statue to Virginia, and Gov. McChesney received it. The veil was drawn by Hunter Holmes McGuire, Jr., a grandson of Dr. McGuire.

The oration was delivered by Maj. Holmes Conrad, of Winchester, who served with Dr. McGuire on Gen. Jackson's staff. The military of the city and the veterans of Lee and Pickett camps paraded, and the Howitzers fired a salute of thirteen guns. The statue cost \$7,000, the funds being raised by the Hunter McGuire Memorial Association, composed of prominent women.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The official report of the United States Steel Corporation shows almost a paralysis of business for the last quarter of 1903.

Mr. John E. Hurst, founder of the dry goods firm of John E. Hurst & Co., of Baltimore, died at Johns Hopkins Hospital early yesterday morning.

Representatives of 20 grain exchanges of the country met in New York yesterday to protest against the proposed establishment of a national inspection of grain.

President Palma of Cuba, yesterday signed his veto of the lottery bill, which, as announced, he had prepared last month in expectation of the passage of the bill.

The managers of the Iroquois Theatre in Chicago admitted yesterday at the investigation of the fire that there had been practically no precautions taken in case of fire.

Portions of the walls of the ancient town of Spoleto, Italy, have fallen, and the historical cathedral, containing the frescoes of Fra Filippo Lippi and his tomb is in danger.

The Italia, of Rome, says that the Pope will issue an apostolic decree that will prevent any of the powers from exercising a veto against any candidate for the papal throne.

District Attorney Morgan H. Beach stated last night that a subpoena had been issued from his district for the appearance of Perry S. Heath in connection with the trial of the postoffice cases of Machen and others in Washington next week.

SITUATION IN FAR EAST.

A dispatch from Tokio says: "All the Russian warships recently at Vladivostok are reported to have sailed, probably for Port Arthur. Russia's reply has not yet been received by Japan. There is a strong, widespread tendency to doubt the reports of the alleged conciliatory character of the reply."

The London Daily Mail's correspondent at St. Petersburg says that the news is confirmed that the Second Rifle Regiment has already left Mukden for Korea to protect Russian interests there. It is reported that Japan has learned that the Russian squadron at Bizerta has been instructed to shadow Japan's new cruisers, and is in readiness to attack them in the event of war being declared.

A Russian legion guard of 30 has been landed at Chemulpo, but the Japanese Railway has refused to transport it to Seoul. It is reported preparations have been made for the Emperor of Korea to find an asylum at the French legation in the event of serious trouble. It is expected that France and Germany will send marines there to guard their legations.

It is believed at Tokio that the Russian response has been handed to the government, but the secret of its delivery has been jealously guarded and the nature of the reply remains undisclosed. Minister of Foreign Affairs Komura called yesterday afternoon upon Baron de Rosen, the Russian minister to Japan, with whom he remained an hour, and later he visited Premier Katsura, when an extended conference was held. There is every indication now that further negotiations will take place, although it is expected that Japan will refuse to transfer the discussion of affairs to St. Petersburg if this is proposed.

The following dispatch has been received by the London Daily Telegraph from Bennett Burleigh, its correspondent. Tokio, Jan. 6.—A telegram received by the Jiji from Seoul states that United States Minister Allen has informed the Korean Government that troops to protect the residents would come to the city. The Koreans officially replied that in any case of emergency arising they would try to secure safety of all foreigners; that therefore the landing of the men should be avoided. Despite this answer 36 American marines, with two officers, have arrived at Seoul. British marines now landing at Chemulpo, will follow.

POSTOFFICE INVESTIGATION.

Irregularities in the Postoffice Department constituted the only theme in the Senate yesterday. The question came up on a motion first made by Mr. Lodge and afterwards by Mr. Penrose to refer the Carmack resolution looking to a Senatorial investigation of the department to the committee on postoffices and postroads. The democratic Senators resisted the motion and contended that the country would not be benefited with an investigation of a department made by the department itself.

In the course of an argument for an inquiry Mr. Carmack charged that Postmaster General Payne had been lukewarm at the beginning of the department inquiry, and Mr. Spooner replied in defense of that official. Mr. Clay said that the tenor of the Bristow report had convinced him that Mr. Bristow considered former First Assistant Postmaster General Heath more guilty than any one else connected with the postoffice irregularities. Before the debate closed Mr. Gorman stated that he had a conference with Mr. Penrose, chairman of the postoffice committee, and was willing to have the resolution referred. In his remarks the Senator quotes a section of the President's comments on the Bristow report to show that the investigation was actually developed by the initiative of newspapers before Postmaster General Payne took the action mentioned by Senator Allison.

"The inference," said Senator Gorman, "which has been drawn by the newspapers and by many of us is no fault of ours, and comes from the injustice done the Postmaster General by the President himself, if injustice has been done." Senator Gorman declared Senators of the party in power had been endeavoring to throttle every attempt of the minority to obtain information from various executive departments of the Government relative to internal and foreign affairs, and that every resolution of inquiry thus far offered in the Senate in this respect had been hindered. He sounded the democratic keynote when he inquired:

"Can it be that the party in power is afraid of having daylight turned upon its acts?"

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET. New York, Jan. 7.—The stock market today has been somewhat contracted in activity and extremely irregular in price. A somewhat steadier tone was apparent at times owing to the absence of fresh war news and the disproving of the extremely sensational rumors of yesterday. Money continued extremely easy. The market is uncertain and irregular based on the indisposition to operate until the situation in the far East shows a more definite character.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

Capt. A. Tyler Brock, of one of the companies of the Richmond Blues, slipped on the ice-covered steps of his home in Richmond, yesterday, and broke his leg.

C. A. Hurlmans, one of the republican members of the House of Delegates from Montgomery county, slipped on the icy streets in Richmond last night and broke his leg.

Revenue Agent F. G. Thompson, acting under authority of the commissioner of internal revenue, will transfer his headquarters from Lynchburg to Richmond.

Miss Sue Peyton Kent, of Wytheville, and Mr. Edmund Fontaine Brown, of Charleston, W. Va., were married yesterday evening in St. John's Episcopal Church in Wytheville.

Prof. L. C. Mitchell, of Richmond College; Prof. J. M. Page, of the University of Virginia, and Professor Painter, of Roanoke College, have been appointed as the committee to award the Cecil Rhodes scholarships for Virginia. Two of these scholarships have been allotted to each State and Territory in the United States. They pay \$1,500 a year for three years.

When court reconvened at Spotsylvania Courthouse yesterday for the second day of the trial of former Clerk J. P. H. Crismond, Attorney Gordon stated that Commonwealth's Attorney Lee J. Graves, an important witness, was critically ill and asked for a postponement. Mr. Fitzhugh, Crismond's counsel, objected and asked that trial proceed on another indictment. This was granted by the court, and Attorney Gordon withdrew from the case. In the evening Mr. Gordon announced that he would continue in the case and proceed with the trial as soon as Mr. Graves could appear. Judge Walter then granted postponement until Friday.

THE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE. The Senate passed a joint resolution providing for a committee of five from each House, to be selected from the great geographical divisions of the State, to select a site for the proposed additional normal school. The measure created wide discussion, and a great deal was said against junketing. Mr. Barksdale declared that the chair could appoint the members and the committee would do the rest. Notwithstanding the broad charges that the scheme to run all over the State on the plea of selecting a school site was a plan pure and simple for a junket, the bill passed by a good vote.

A bill was introduced which provides for the manner of the governor designating a judge to hold a term of a court when the presiding judge may be unable to request the designation of a judge. The measure was given several readings and was passed.

The conference report on the Edmondson road bill was presented by Mr. Halsey and adopted.

The bill exempting undertakers from jury service was agreed to.

The bill affecting the salary of the sheriff of the city of Richmond was passed. A favorable report was made by the courts of justice committee on the bill creating a bureau of insurance, which was recently recommitted. The Senate having declined to create the commission, the recommendation was for the purpose of retaining the statutes embodied in the bill.

The Senate passed a bill restoring to sheriffs emoluments allowed them under a law repealed two years ago. Hereafter they are to receive \$2 per day for each day's attendance to the sessions of circuit courts, and allowances for deputies in the discretion of the court, not to exceed \$2 daily.

HOUSE. The House of Delegates was the scene of some lively tilts yesterday over the bill to permit Norfolk county to acquire the toll roads within its borders, and the acrimony that always besprinkles discussions over Norfolk county politics was plentiful, and the speeches of Mr. Whitehead, of Norfolk, on the one side, and Mr. Bland, of Portsmouth, on the other, were little more than spicy colloquies, in which the members were greatly interested.

The bill providing that the magisterial districts vote for the acquisition of the roads, whereas Mr. Whitehead contended that as the county had to pay for them the whole county should be allowed to vote on the question, and offered an amendment to that effect, which was adopted. Another amendment was offered by Mr. Caton, and adopted, providing that if the county bought the main roads it should be also required to take the feeders or branch roads.

Mr. Bland finally agreed to the amendment providing that the entire county vote on the proposition, and it was adopted. After the discussion had long passed the regular hour of adjournment the pending question was called, and the bill, as amended, passed.

Among the local bills passed was one creating a white military company at Smithfield. The House rejected a resolution by Mr. Matthews to adjourn finally January 9.

FOUGHT OVER A CORPSE.

Men fought like tigers over the corpse of John Weston, who was fatally shot by Abner Westmoreland in Carroll county the latter part of December. The burial was to take place at the old Moravian Cemetery, in the southern part of the county, several days ago, and the reports that came from that section tell of the most disgraceful scenes ever witnessed at a funeral.

The coffin was taken in a roomy vehicle over the long drive to the cemetery, and 10 or a dozen men who accompanied the corpse drank freely on the way. They were equally divided in their allegiance to the memory of the dead man and his slayer, who is a fugitive.

When one of Westmoreland's friends declared that Mockson's wife was responsible for her husband being shot, a general fight took place in the vehicle, the men fighting over the coffin and rolling over it in the bottom of the wagon. One man was thrown out and the wheels ran over him, seriously injuring him. The fight was renewed at the grave, and the crowd that had assembled for the funeral was driven off by the shots from the pistols of the drunken attendants on the corpse. The coffin remained on the ground nearly all day, the people being afraid to return to bury it. Witnesses state that the men drank, quarreled and fought while sitting on the coffin. Three men were wounded by pistol shots.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

From Richmond.

(Special Dispatch to the Alexandria Gazette.)

Richmond, Va., Jan. 7.—The Senate substitute for the House bill establishing an additional State Normal School passed the House today and goes now to the Governor.

The Fulton anti-trust bill was ordered engrossed.

Bill providing the duties and powers of retiring county treasurers passed the House.

The Hunter McGuire statue was unveiled today on the Capitol square with pomp and ceremony, the address being made by Maj. Holmes Conrad, of Winchester.

Russia and Japan.

London, Jan. 7.—There is a well established belief in diplomatic circles this morning that Japan has received Russia's reply to her demands, and that the reply has been forwarded to Baron Hayashi, the Japanese Minister, who has in turn handed it to the British foreign office. It is thought that Japan is now waiting for British advice before assuming her final attitude.

Peking, Jan. 7.—Viceroy Wei, of Nanking province, has advised the throne that war between Russia and Japan is most imminent. As a result, the Government officers are in busiest telegraphic communication with the provincial viceroys. The tenor of the communications cannot be obtained, as a secret code is used.

London, Jan. 7.—Private information has been received from officials connected with the Nagasaki cable station to the effect that while war in the far East is considered certain, it is unlikely that hostilities will begin for another month. Russia and Japan are believed to be finessing for time in order to perfect their armaments.

Berlin, Jan. 7.—The Tagblatt today states that England is lending Japan extensive financial aid, stipulating that after war England alone shall have commercial and industrial concessions in Japan.

Paris, Jan. 7.—It is semi officially stated that France is anxious that the strained relations in the far East should be settled by arbitration, and is willing to support England if the latter country would take the initiative.

Probing the Steel Trust.

New York, Jan. 7.—Chas. M. Schwab, former president of the steel trust, whose relations with the defunct United States Shipbuilding Company have brought him into uncommon notice, was submitted to a searching examination today when he took the witness stand in the proceedings to make permanent the receiver of the shipbuilding merger. Every detail of the exploitation of the concern was probed into by Samuel Untermyer, counsel for the bondholders, and Mr. Schwab was plying with countless questions especially regarding the sale of the Bethlehem Steel Company to the shipyard trust. In answer to an interrogation, witness said he has no relations with the Bethlehem Steel Company directly nor indirectly. He, however, acknowledged that his relations ceased after the investigation began. The witness declined to answer most of the material questions propounded. A recess was subsequently declared.

Mr. Bryan.

New York, Jan. 7.—William Jennings Bryan, who is expected to arrive here tomorrow on the Celtic, from his tour of Europe, will be tendered a public reception at the Victoria Hotel. Arrangements have been made by a committee to meet Mr. Bryan down the bay and escort him to the hotel. Mayor McClellan will not serve on the committee, but will call on Mr. Bryan at the hotel. The circular which the committee sent out stated that "Mr. Bryan's arrival home might fitly be made the occasion of a welcome that should not only testify to the high appreciation of Mr. Bryan's conduct while abroad, which was so generally felt by his countrymen, but also mark, in some degree, an acknowledgment of our obligation to those who in honoring our fellow citizens have honored us."

Fatal Collision on the Elevated.

New York, Jan. 7.—Three men were killed and several people were injured in a rear end collision on the Kings County elevated road, in Brooklyn, this morning. The wreck caught fire and three cars were burned. A panic followed and the current was turned off from the third rail to prevent a further loss of life. A loaded train, drawn by an engine, was waiting at the block for the signal to proceed, when a train with a motor car crashed into the waiting train. The cars were thrown from the track and a blaze started from the short circuiting of the wires. A panic followed and a fire alarm was turned in. J. S. O'Brien, a watchman, was thrown into the street and every bone in his body was broken. The carcoupler was caught between the cars and crushed. The other dead man, the road foreman, was burned in the wreck.

Kaiser and Grand Duke Disagree.

Berlin, Jan. 7.—The Neueste Nachrichten today publishes comments on the strained relations between the Kaiser and the Grand Duke Frederick. The latter, the paper says, asked the emperor to appoint his son, Prince Frederick, as commander of the Karlsruhe garrison. The Kaiser refused, saying that the Prince's military qualifications were not sufficient, and that such appointments must always go by merit and not by royal blood. Later, the Kaiser only sent an aide to the funeral of Princess Leopoldine, the aunt of the Grand Duke, and later still, when the statue of Emperor Frederick was unveiled his Majesty failed to invite the Grand Duchess to attend. The latter was so indignant over the slight, that she left Germany the same day.

Death of Ruth Cleveland.

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 7.—Ruth Cleveland, daughter of former President Grover Cleveland, died at the Cleveland home here this morning of diphtheria. Ruth was the eldest child of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland. She was born in the Cleveland residence, No. 618 Madison avenue, New York city, in October 1891. In response to inquiries former President Cleveland gave out the following statement this morning: "After a few days' illness, which began with an attack of tonsillitis and developed yesterday suddenly into diphtheria, our eldest daughter, Ruth, died suddenly this morning." The cause of the girl's death, it is learned, was heart disease, brought on by the attack of diphtheria.

Fatal Explosion Aboard War Ship.

Sydney, N. S. W., Jan. 7.—Word reached here today that the boilers of the

British cruiser Wallaroo exploded while the ship was going to Hobart, Australia. Forty-three men were killed or wounded. No particulars were given. The Admiralty office here assume that the fatalities included the whole shift of 23 stokers and a number of deck hands.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

In New York today the directors of the Union Pacific accepted the resignation of Horace G. Burt, as president. E. H. Harriman was elected in his place.

In Newark, N. J., today, Vice Chancellor Emery appointed receivers of the International Fire Engine Company, a New Jersey corporation with \$9,000,000 capital. It is the fire engine trust, and was organized five years ago.

John L. Bates and Curtis Guild, jr., were inaugurated today for their second terms respectively, Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Massachusetts, the usual ceremonies taking place at the State House in Boston.

Carlo Gordon, a wealthy broker of Saranac Lake, N. Y., a brother-in-law of Daniel Hanna, of Cleveland, Ohio, shot and killed himself, presumably by accident, at his home in that village, last night. He was 28 years old and had been in poor health for a number of years.

Two large brick blocks in the business centre of Augusta, Me., were burned out early this morning. Among the occupants whose losses are practically total, were the Augusta Savings Bank, Pierce's grocery store, a millinery and jewelry store, and Whitman & Adams, dry goods. The loss is estimated at more than \$200,000.

Mrs. A. L. Lambert was burned to death near Paris, Texas, yesterday. Her husband and three children were a short distance from the farm house, and when they entered discovered that she had fallen into a fire place and was burned almost beyond recognition. Dorothy Flores was burned to death at Waco yesterday. This makes nine persons burned to death in Waco within sixty days.

Albert C. Twining and David Cornell, former president and treasurer of the Monmouth Trust Company, at Asbury Park, were sentenced by Judge Heisley in Freehold, N. J., today, to three years each in state prison upon their recent conviction for converting to their own use seven thousand dollars belonging to the William Mills estate of which the trust company was trustee. An appeal was taken.

Perry S. Heath arrived at Salt Lake City from Denver last night. Asked concerning reports that government agents have been trying to locate him in order to serve a subpoena to appear as a witness in connection with the postal scandals at Washington and New York, he said: "This is the first I knew that subpoenas had been issued for me. I am not trying to dodge service and can be found in Salt Lake City at any time."

The Baltimore & Ohio Duquesne, limited, the same train that was wrecked at Laurel Run on December 23, causing a big loss of life, met with a mishap at North Branch, four miles below Cumberland, Md., early this morning. The train sidwiped some derailed cars but no one was hurt. One of the derailed cars was loaded with lampblack and when struck the powdered substance filled the air and the faces of nearly all the passengers were made black as those of Ethiopians.

About 900 men employed in two departments of the Carnegie mills at Homestead, Pa., threaten to inaugurate a strike this evening unless the officials of the concern readjust the wages. The officials shatter upon the change the schedule submitted to the individual worker. Two organizers of the American Federation of Labor are said to be in Homestead trying to organize the dissatisfied workers.

Jennisek Masuhima, a Japanese sailor, on trial at New Brunswick, N. J., for the manslaughter of James Dagueby, has been acquitted. The Japanese claim the dead man stabbed himself while intoxicated and trying to get a cork out of a whisky bottle, the knife slipped and jabbed his wrist, severing an artery.

Coroner Traeger in Chicago today began the inquest which is to fasten the blame for the Iroquois Theatre disaster upon the culpable persons. The coroner's official list now places the number of dead at 555. The resident managers of the theatre yesterday officially denied responsibility for the disaster.

R. J. Copeland, of Denver, Col., superintendent of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Company, is in West Virginia with several assistants for the purpose of securing men with whom he hopes to break the great coal miners' strike in Colorado.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Pope, it is learned, intends to summon Archbishop Ireland to Rome to discuss with him the growth of Aglipay's schism in the Catholic Church of the Philippines.

The fear that a clash between Russia and Japan is imminent continues in English diplomatic circles, and was this morning mirrored in the securities markets by a sharp break in consols.

A dispatch from Sofia states that numerous facts go to verify reports that Turks, under pretext of searching for arms, are committing cruelties and destroying whole villages in the vilayet of Kastoria.

Reuters News Agency reports that the steamer Linsley, belonging to the American Presbyterian Church, capsized opposite Kwamouth, at the junction of the Congo and Kasai Mfiri rivers, in the Congo States and that one missionary and 33 natives were drowned. The steamer was on its way from the Upper Congo river to Leopoldville, in the southwestern part of Congo State. The accident was the result of misjudgment in navigation.

NEW MEMBERS.

Of the one hundred members of the present House of Delegates of Virginia, fifty-nine will retire to private life at the expiration of their terms Wednesday, January 13th. Of the forty-one re-elected three are filling short terms and are practically new members. They are Major J. W. Bruce of Danville; Henry E. Lee, of Nottoway, and S. P. Read, of Mecklenburg. There are therefore really but thirty-eight old members in the next House. In the Senate twenty of the forty members are holdovers, with two or more years experience, and five old members have been re-elected, giving that body twenty-five experienced members out of the total membership of forty. There is one vacancy to be filled by election, the senator from the district consisting of Bedford, Rockbridge and Buena Vista. Senator Graham Claytor, formerly representing that district, died during the term and was succeeded by Mr. J. Lawrence Campbell for the unexpired term, while Judge Calloway Brown, of Bedford, who was nominated for the full term, died immediately upon election. Senator Campbell will, in all probability, be chosen for the full term.

DRY GOODS.

Woodward & Lothrop,

10th, 11th & F Sts N W.

Until further notice, store will close at 5:30 p. m.

A Feature of the White Sale is a Superb Collection of

Dainty White Millinery.

Exquisite White Hats—latest Parisian models. Also beautiful Lace and Flower-trimmed Hats. Graceful White Hats, simply trimmed, for debutantes. Charming White Hair Ornaments and Floral Dress Ornaments. Pretty models, in dainty light effects, suitable for the Southern climate. Also styles suitable for traveling. Millinery Salon—Second floor, Tenth st.

Sale of Furniture

At 25 and 50 Per Cent. Below Regular Prices.

These are all new, high